



Wayne Watson Lewis

December 7, 2025

November 17, 1952 – December 7, 2025

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith.
II Timothy 4:7

Wayne Watson Lewis was born to the late union of Llyod and Mildred Lewis. Wayne was christened into the Catholic faith, by the late Clarence Sr. and Helena Mitchell, where he chose the Christian name of Michael.

He attended St. Augustine High School in New Orleans Louisiana. He later enlisted into the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War in several European countries and Korea. While in the military, he was given the nickname "Sugar Bear" by his Army comrades. Wayne was awarded the Army Commendation medal, good conduct medal, National Defense medal, and Marksman medal. Following his military service, he was employed with the United States Postal Service in Oakland, California.

In 1982, Wayne returned to Marrero, Louisiana, to help support his family during his father's illness and began his professional career as a certified automobile and motorcycle mechanic.

Wayne is preceded in death by his parents; Llyod and Mildred Lewis,

grandparents; Watson and Sedonia Lewis, Walter and Camellia Charles; brothers; Roy and Lloyd Lewis, Sr; aunts Thelma, Alma, and Annie Mae Lewis, Vivian C. Thompson, Iona Petterson, Beatrice Parker, and Wilma Dickerson, uncles; Joe and Mitchell Lewis, Steve Dickerson, Eugene Thompson, cousins and friends.

Wayne leaves to cherish his memories: his son Wayne Michael (Tamika) Lewis, Slidell, Louisiana; sisters; Glenda L. Davis, New Orleans, Louisiana, Lorraine L. (Robert Sr.) Eames, and Audrey Lewis of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; his soulmate Estrellita Quindaris, Monterey, California, aunts; Dorothy Evans, Detroit, Michigan; nephews; Jamal M. (Phume) Lewis, Johannesburg, South Africa, Keith B. Lewis, Marrero, Louisiana, Robert Jr. (Wanakee) Eames, Stephen P. Eames, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Dominique Lewis, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, John M. Davis, Houston, Texas; nieces; Kim M. (Joey) Williams, Toka R. (Joe) Clark, Slidell, Louisiana, Nia K. Davis, Ranada L. (Richard) Blackman, New Orleans, Louisiana; sisters-in-law; Peggy R. Lewis and Ethel R. Lewis, New Orleans, Louisiana, cousins; David Dickerson, Marrero, Louisiana, and Michael Lewis, Mississippi, Cordell Dickerson, Washington, D.C. His Ex-Wife Lynell (Louis) Patton, New Orleans, Louisiana; and best friend Donald Dubar, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, that he met while serving in the military. In addition, a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and friends.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend his Funeral Service at Historic St. James AME Church, 222 N. Roman Street on Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 11:00 am. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am. Interment: Southeast LA Veterans Cemetery on Friday, December 19, 2025 at 9:00 am. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the guestbook.

Cemetery Details

Southeast LA Veterans Cemetery

Slidell, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Historic St. James AME Church
222 N Roman St
New Orleans, LA 70112

Funeral Service

DEC 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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New Orleans, LA 70112

Tribute Wall



“ Twanda Laurant Lewis and Mimie Laurant planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Watson Lewis.

Twanda Laurant Lewis and Mimie Laurant - December 17, 2025 at 07:09 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wayne Watson Lewis.



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